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IN RE APPLICATION OF : James C. Copeland, et al.

FOR : **A MEDIUM COMPOSITION, METHOD AND DEVICE FOR SELECTIVELY ENHANCING THE ISOLATION OF ANAEROBIC MICROORGANISMS CONTAINED IN A MIXED SAMPLE WITH FACULTATIVE MICROORGANISMS**

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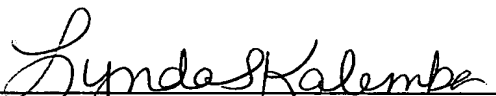
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